

REMARKS

Claim 40 has been amended and claim 41 has been canceled. Claims 18-21, 23, 25, 28, 29, 31-36, 39-40 are pending.

07-17-2007 Phone call initiated by Examiner Ali

Applicant's attorney wishes to thank Examiner Ali for her phone call of 07-17-2007. During this call, Examiner Ali indicated that independent claims 18 and 33, as well as all claims depending therefrom, are in a condition for allowance.

Examiner Ali indicated that claim 41, if written in independent form, would be allowable.

Examiner Ali also suggested that the title be changed and that the drawings and specification be amended to remove the “#” symbol from parts identification. The headings for the drawing and preferred embodiment sections were also suggested for amendment.

Changes Submitted by this Paper

Applicant adopts all of the suggestions made by Examiner Ali.

Claim 40 has been rewritten to incorporate the additional claim element of claim 41.

Replacement drawings are being submitted to remove the “#” symbol from all figures. Correspondingly, appearances of the “#” symbol for designating a part number in the “Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment” section have been removed as indicated by the use of double brackets “[[]]”.

The title and section headings have been amended per the suggestion of Examiner Ali.

Of particular note to the changes made are the following:

Original Fig. 2 has been amended to reflect Fig 2a, Fig 2b and Fig 2c since three separate illustrations are presented. Correspondingly, the Brief Description of the Figures section has also been amended to reflect Figures 2a, 2b and 2c in addition to Figure 3a.

The part previously identified as “#3”, which actually represents a tongue space is now reflected as “A”.

Applicant believes the changes made are in full accordance with Examiner Ali's suggestions. The amendments made to both the specification and drawings do not present new matter and have not been made to overcome prior art but rather to address issues not related to patentability.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, Applicant believes the pending claims are now in a condition for issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

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